(b) if so, by when such orders would be issued; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government of India has a scheme, namely, the National Merit Scholarship Scheme, under which scholarship is given to meritorious/talented students of class IX & X from rural areas. The scheme is opened to all the States/ UTs, including Madhya Pradesh.

Pay disadvantage to teaching community

2746. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a major cumulative career pay disadvantage for the teaching community in the higher education sector as compared to group 'A' Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any specific proposals under Government's consideration to improve the pay scales and other incentives for the teachers in the higher education sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Hindi Medium in University of Delhi

†2747. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of students of the University of Delhi are studying through Hindi medium, if so, the number thereof;

(b) whether students studying through Hindi medium are not able to get all the text-books and reference materials in Hindi medium;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when this problem would be addressed to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, during the academic session 2003-04, in humanities courses of some colleges over 25,000 students were studying through Hindi medium and Hindi medium books are generally available in the market. The University has also set up in 1978, the Directorate of Hindi Medium Implementation to draw plans, collect materials and publish standard tex-tbooks in Hindi and also to translate the standard tex-tbooks. Since then, the Directorate has been publishing standard textbooks in Hindi for the benefit of students and teachers. In this regard, a Public Interest Litigation has also been filed in the High Court of Delhi and the matter is thus *sub-judice*.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in Rajasthan

2748. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated annually for implementation of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan since its inception, in Rajasthan;

(b) the unspent funds, if any, returned by the State, year-wise; and

(c) the reasons for failure of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The year-wise release of the funds under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme to Rajasthan by the Central Government up to 1.12.2005 is given below:-

Year	Funds released
2001-02	Rs. 320.35 lakh
2002-03	Rs. 9995.58 lakh
2003-04	Rs. 15252.00 lakh
2004-05	Rs. 23000.00 lakh
2005-06	RS. 27585.00 lakh